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Filed : July 21, 2003
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AND USE OF FIXED-TREATED CELL-LINES AND TISSUE IN
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 20, 2005 (15 pages); and
2. Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (212) 935-3000, New York, New York. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. **50-0311**, Reference No. **24817-503** (Customer Number: **35437**). A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric Sinn".

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT
AMENDMENT MAILED APRIL 20, 2005**

Sir:

In response to the Non-Compliant Amendment mail dated April 20, 2005, Applicants hereby resubmit in its entirety the Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action mailed September 30, 2004 with the required amendment. This Response is due on or before May 20, 2005 with no extensions.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 15 of this paper.